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Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
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Re: Generic Proceeding to Investigate Emergency Services Continuity Plans

Docket No. 2005-100-C

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On April 3, 2003, the Commission, in Docket No. 2003-89-C, issued Order No. 2003-318 which established the above referenced docket in order to investigate emergency services continuity plans and their various ramifications. Prior to the hearing, certain issues were raised which led to the recommendation to postpone the hearing and allow the parties to establish a working group in an effort to reach a consensus. On September 7, 2005, the Commission issued its Order No. 2005-462 postponing the hearing and requesting a report on the status of the matter ninety (90) days from receipt of the order.

During this time, all parties to this docket were invited to two working meetings on September 14 and October 6, 2005, in which the relevant issues were discussed. We encouraged as much participation as possible and the Office of Regulatory Staff, BellSouth, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition, Sprint, US LEC and Verizon attended these meetings. As a result, several of these parties have reached a consensus on these issues.

Currently, this matter is set for hearing on January 18, 2006. As certain parties to this docket were unable to attend the working meetings, ORS, BellSouth, SCTC, Sprint and Verizon would propose that, in place of the hearing, a workshop before the Commission should be established on the same date. This would allow all parties a more open forum to discuss the proposed resolution. Additionally, as the other parties to this

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docket may have other suggestions, prior to the workshop, the working group will circulate its agreement to all parties of record for their feedback. Any accepted revisions may then be incorporated and a final recommended document would be submitted to the Commission on January 9, 2006. Such a schedule will provide all parties the ability to review the recommendation before submission to the Commission, provide the Commission an opportunity to review the recommended document prior to the workshop, and provide the opportunity for additional input and facilitate discussions as how best to resolve this matter.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposal. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Benjamin P. Mustian

cc: Parties of Record

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